

The Gamma-Ray Emitting Radio-Loud Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 Galaxy PKS 2004–447

II. The Radio View

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ABSTRACT

Context. γ -ray detected radio-loud narrow-line Seyfert 1 (γ -NLS1) galaxies constitute a small but interesting sample of the γ -ray loud AGN. The radio-loudest γ -NLS1 known, PKS 2004–447, is located in the southern hemisphere and is monitored in the radio regime by the multiwavelength monitoring program TANAMI.

Aims. We aim for the first detailed study of the radio morphology and long-term radio spectral evolution of PKS 2004–447, which are essential to understand the diversity of the radio properties of γ -NLS1s.

Methods. The TANAMI VLBI monitoring program uses the Australian Long Baseline Array (LBA) and telescopes in Antarctica, Chile, New Zealand, and South Africa to monitor the jets of radio-loud active galaxies in the southern hemisphere. Lower resolution radio flux density measurements at multiple radio frequencies over four years of observations were obtained with the Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA).

Results. The TANAMI VLBI image at 8.4 GHz shows an extended one-sided jet with a dominant compact VLBI core. Its brightness temperature is consistent with equipartition, but it is an order of magnitude below other γ -NLS1s with the sample value varying over two orders of magnitude. We find a compact morphology with a projected large-scale size < 11 kpc and a persistent steep radio spectrum with moderate flux-density variability.

Conclusions. PKS 2004–447 appears to be a unique member of the γ -NLS1 sample. It exhibits blazar-like features, such as a flat featureless X-ray spectrum and a core dominated, one-sided parsec-scale jet with indications for relativistic beaming. However, the data also reveal properties atypical for blazars, such as a radio spectrum and large-scale size consistent with Compact-Steep-Spectrum (CSS) objects, which are usually associated with young radio sources. These characteristics are unique among all γ -NLS1s and extremely rare among γ -ray loud AGN.

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1. Introduction

The radio-loud versions of narrow-line Seyfert 1 (RL-NLS1) galaxies have attracted growing interest in recent years, especially since Abdo et al. (2009a) reported the detection of γ -ray emission from PMN J0948+0022 with the LAT instrument on-board the *Fermi* γ -ray satellite (Atwood et al. 2009). NLS1 galaxies harbour an active galactic nucleus (AGN) which exhibits both broad and narrow emission lines as in typical type-1 AGN. The broad lines, however, are substantially narrower than in other type-1 AGN. NLS1 galaxies show strong and narrow H β emission with a flux ratio of O [III]/H β \leq 3, a full width at half maximum of broad H β _{FWHM} \leq 2000 km s⁻¹ and strong Fe II emission (Osterbrock & Pogge 1985). It is not uncommon for NLS1s to show variability in flux and photon index (e.g., Boller et al. 1997). Like quasars, they can be divided into radio-quiet and radio-loud categories, where the radio-loudness RL _{ν} is defined as the ratio of the radio flux density at frequency ν to the optical flux at 440 nm. A source is commonly characterized as radio-loud when RL_{1.4GHz} > 10.

RL-NLS1 galaxies are rare among radio-loud AGN (Komossa et al. 2006; Zhou et al. 2006). However, the total number of known RL-NLS1s has increased in recent years. The first dedicated study and search of RL-NLS1s was performed by Komossa et al. (2006), yielding a sample of 11 sources most which were previously not known to be RL-NLS1s. Then, Yuan et al. (2008) compiled a genuine sample of 23 RL-NLS1s with RL_{1.4GHz} > 100, with black hole masses of 10⁶–10⁸ M_⊙ and Eddington ratios R_{Edd} \approx 1. Based on these and other studies, Foschini et al. (2015) and Berton et al. (2015) have a combined sample of 60 sources with RL_{5GHz} > 10. Only a small number of RL-NLS1s have been detected by *Fermi*/LAT (γ -NLS1, Abdo et al. 2009b; Foschini et al. 2015; D’Ammando et al. 2015; Yao et al. 2015, see Sect. 4.3) with most of them listed in the Third *Fermi*/LAT Catalog of AGNs with $b < -10^\circ$ and $b > 10^\circ$ (3LAC, Ackermann et al. 2015). γ -NLS1 galaxies belong to the exclusive group of so-called non-blazar AGN in the 3LAC which make up only about $\sim 2\%$ of the 3LAC sources. The majority of sources in the 3LAC are blazars, which appear to be hosted by elliptical galaxies with central black hole masses above 10⁸ M_⊙ (e.g., Marscher 2009 and references therein). They have powerful jets aligned close to the line of sight.

PKS 2004–447 is a RL-NLS1 at a redshift of $z = 0.24$ (Drinkwater et al. 1997). It stands out of γ -NLS1s because of its unusual radio properties. With RL_{4.85GHz} = 1700–6300, depending on the optical flux (Oshlack et al. 2001, hereafter Osh01), it has the highest radio-loudness and shows a steep radio spectrum with a spectral index¹ of $\alpha_r < -0.5$ (Osh01; Gallo et al. 2006, hereafter G06). Observations with the Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA) show an unresolved source, suggesting it can be classified as a Compact Steep-Spectrum (CSS) radio source (Osh01, G06). PKS 2004–447 exhibits only weak Fe II emission, with $EW_{\text{FeII}} \leq 10 \text{ \AA}$, a flux ratio O [III]/H β = 1.6 and H β _{FWHM} = 1447 km s⁻¹ (Osh01). As a result, its NLS1 classification has been under discussion (e.g., Zhou et al. 2006; Yuan et al. 2008). Despite its steep spectral index, it was included in

the sample of flat spectrum RL-NLS1 studied by Foschini et al. (2015).

This is the second in a series of papers presenting results from broadband observations of PKS 2004–447. The observations reported in this series were conducted as part of the TANAMI² multiwavelength program (Ojha et al. 2010; Kadler et al. 2015) that monitors γ -ray loud AGNs south of -30° declination. In a separate paper (Kreikenbohm et al. 2015; hereafter Paper I) we discussed X-ray observations with *XMM-Newton* and *Swift*, finding a flat blazar-like power law and moderate variability on time scales down to months with an observed luminosity of $(0.7\text{--}2.6) \times 10^{44}$ erg/s. In this paper, we present the first Very-Long-Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) image for PKS 2004–447 at 8.4 GHz (the highest radio frequency VLBI image of the source in the literature so far) as well as the first long-term simultaneous multi-frequency radio monitoring with ATCA.

In the next section, we will discuss the data reduction followed by a presentation of our results in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4, we will discuss our findings and compare them within the sample of γ -NLS1.

We adopt a Λ CDM cosmology, with $H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$, $\Omega_M = 0.3$, and $\Lambda = 0.7$ (Freedman et al. 2001).

2. Observations and data reduction

2.1. ATCA observations

As part of the TANAMI program, ATCA has been monitoring γ -ray detected AGN at frequencies between ~ 5 GHz and 40 GHz since 2007 (Stevens et al. 2012). PKS 2004–447 has been included in the program since 2011 May 17. Each observing frequency is the centre of a 2 GHz wide band. PKS 1934–638 has been used as a flux density calibrator. Table A.1 lists the data obtained until 2014 Jun 13 with statistical errors. In addition, we make use of monitoring data from the ATCA Calibrator Database³ extending the spectral coverage at selected epochs to 1.7 GHz and 45 GHz.

ATCA observations of this source show a moderate defect⁴ at 17 GHz and above and very low closure phase. The closure phase is an interferometric quantity which is independent of errors introduced at any individual array element, and will always be zero (to within the noise of the measurement) if an unresolved source is the dominant source of the flux density in the field of view. The closure phase will deviate from zero if there are other sources producing significant flux density within the field.

The defect uses the difference between the scalar and vector averaged flux densities to give us more information about the field. Vector averaging uses the phase information obtained by the interferometer to attenuate sources of flux density away from the phase centre of the measurement. The effect of this averaging is to make a measurement only of the flux density of the source that the array is

² Tracking Active Nuclei with Austral Milliarcsecond Interferometry <http://pulsar.sternwarte.uni-erlangen.de/tanami/projects/>

³ <http://www.narrabri.atnf.csiro.au/calibrators/>

⁴ Defect is defined as: $([S_{\text{sca}}/S_{\text{vec}}] - 1) \times 100\%$, where S_{sca} is the scalar-averaged flux density, and S_{vec} is the vector-averaged flux density.

¹ The spectral index α is defined as $S_\nu \propto \nu^\alpha$, where S_ν is the flux density at frequency ν .

pointing at directly, and this effect is strongest when using widely spaced array elements. Scalar averaging however tends to capture a lot more of the flux density being seen by each array element, regardless of where the flux density is being produced within the field of view.

For a field of view which is empty apart from a point source at the phase centre, both the closure phase and defect would be zero, to within the noise level of the measurement. A significant defect, and a closure phase close to zero would suggest that some amount of flux density is coming from sources that are not at the phase centre - what we call “confusing structure”. Such confusing structure could affect the calibration, and as this effect is frequency dependent, it will tend to make the radio spectrum slightly steeper. However, we consider this to be negligible for our ATCA data. The defect at a frequency of 17 GHz and above indicates that the source is resolved by ATCA. Conversely, the lack of a defect at 9.0 GHz shows that the source is unresolved for the ATCA at this frequency. In combination, the maximum scales of extended emission seem to range between $1''.7$ and $0''.8$.

2.2. VLBI and VLA observations

PKS 2004–447 was first observed in the framework of the TANAMI VLBI program on 2010 Oct 29. This observation was made at a frequency of 8.4 GHz. The TANAMI array consists of the five telescopes comprising the Australian Long Baseline Array (LBA), in combination with telescopes in Antarctica, Chile and South Africa (see Table 1). The data were correlated on the DiFX software correlator (Deller et al. 2007, 2011) at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. The data were then calibrated and imaged following Ojha et al. (2010). Following Ojha et al. (2010), we assume conservative uncertainties of the amplitude calibration for the TANAMI data of 20%.

We also analyzed the only other available, archival VLBI observation obtained by the Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA) on 1998 Oct 12 (project code: BD0050). We calibrated the data using the Astrophysical Image Processing System (AIPS, Greisen 2003). Hybrid imaging was conducted with the software package DIFMAP (Shepherd et al. 1994). We used uniform weighting to achieve the highest angular resolution. Lister & Homan (2005) estimate an uncertainty of 5% for their 15 GHz VLBA data. Given the very low declination of PKS 2004–447 for the VLBA and after repeating the imaging process several times, we assume a conservative uncertainty of 10% for the amplitude calibration of the VLBA data.

The Very Large Array (VLA) participated in ‘B’ configuration in this VLBA observation. We extracted the VLA data from the archive and calibrated and imaged the data independently to check for missing flux in the VLBA image.

The parameters of the various images are given in Table 1. The noise level of the image σ_{RMS} was determined by fitting the noise-dominated pixels with a Gaussian distribution (Böck 2012) with the Interactive Spectral Interpretation System (ISIS) package (Houck & Denicola 2000).

3. Results

3.1. ATCA monitoring

Figure 1 shows the ATCA light curve between 5.5 GHz and 40 GHz for the period 2010 Feb 13 through 2014 Mar 26. Figure 2 depicts the corresponding radio spectrum supplemented by individual ATCA calibrator database measurements at 1.7 GHz, 2.1 GHz, 33.0 GHz, 35.0 GHz, 43.0 GHz, and 45.0 GHz. This marks the first time that several simultaneous multi-frequency radio observations have been obtained for PKS 2004–447.

The data show only moderate variability in flux density up to a factor of two and a persistent steep radio spectrum over four years (see Table 2). There are two possible states of increased activity. First, the 38/40 GHz data indicate a possible weak flare on 2011 Nov 08 without any obvious counterparts at lower frequencies. Second, the flux density increased at 5.5 GHz and 9.0 GHz on 2014 Mar 26. The relatively sparse sampling makes it difficult to study the evolution of the light curve in detail.

We adopt the variability index V_ν at frequency ν (Hovatta et al. 2008) as a basic quantity for the strength of the flaring activity,

$$V_\nu = \frac{(S_{\nu,\text{max}} - \sigma_{\nu,\text{max}}) - (S_{\nu,\text{min}} + \sigma_{\nu,\text{min}})}{(S_{\nu,\text{max}} - \sigma_{\nu,\text{max}}) + (S_{\nu,\text{min}} + \sigma_{\nu,\text{min}})} \quad (1)$$

where $S_{\nu,\text{max}}$ and $S_{\nu,\text{min}}$ are the maximum and minimum flux density at frequency ν and as a basic indicator $\sigma_{\nu,\text{max}}$ and $\sigma_{\nu,\text{min}}$ the corresponding uncertainties. More sophisticated variability quantities would require better sampling (see e.g., Richards et al. 2011 for an overview). We calculate V_ν between 5.5 GHz and 19.0 GHz which are the frequencies with the best coverage. The results indicate similar moderate variability between 0.22 and 0.34, at all four frequencies.

We investigate the simultaneous ATCA spectra by fitting a power-law $S_\nu = k\nu^\alpha$ where k is a proportionality constant and α is the spectral index. We use a linear regression approach with $\log S_\nu = \log k + \alpha \log(\nu/\text{GHz})$, where ν is in units of GHz to determine the spectral index and its uncertainty. Where possible, we produced fits for different spectral ranges, which are listed in Table 2. Above 5.0 GHz, the spectral index varies moderately between ~ -0.5 and -0.9 . We have inspected the ratio of the data and the model and find that a power-law fit is sufficient to describe the analysed spectra. Only in the case of the data from 2011 Nov. 08, the power-law fit between 5.5 GHz and 40 GHz fits only marginally well due to a flattening of the spectrum above 17 GHz. (see also Sect. 4.1.)

3.2. TANAMI VLBI image

We present the first TANAMI 8.4 GHz VLBI image of PKS 2004–447 in Fig. 3. The brightest feature, which we identify as the VLBI core, is located at the origin of the map. A one-sided jet extends in the north-west direction from the VLBI core. While the jet is partially resolved at full-array resolution beyond 10 mas from the centre, the tapered image in the bottom panel of Fig. 3 shows a continuous jet out to ~ 30 mas and a more diffuse region further downstream with an enhanced emission region or ‘hot spot’ at ~ 45 mas. This image was obtained by applying a

Table 1. Details of interferometric observations and image parameters

Date	Freq.	Array ^a	Taper	S_{peak}	σ_{RMS}	S_{total}	b_{maj}^b	b_{min}^b	P.A. ^b
[yyyy-mm-dd]	[GHz]		[M λ]	[mJy beam ⁻¹]	[mJy beam ⁻¹]	[mJy]	[mas]	[mas]	[°]
2010-10-29	8.4	PKS-AT-MP-HO-CD-HH	-	195 \pm 39	0.079	294 \pm 59	2.83	0.62	-2.7
			60	249 \pm 50	0.064	301 \pm 60	5.61	4.42	-63
1998-10-12	1.5	VLBA	-	213 \pm 21	0.41	605 \pm 61	14.1	4.16	-9.0
1998-10-13	1.5	VLA	-	726 \pm 73	0.16	730 \pm 73	1.15 \times 10 ⁴	3.0 \times 10 ³	-1.7

Notes. ^(a) PKS: Parkes (64 m), AT: ATCA (5 \times 22 m), MP: Mopra (22 m), HO: Hobart (26 m), CD: Ceduna (30 m), HH: Hartebeesthoek (26 m); VLBA 8 \times 25 m (no Hancock and Brewster), including phased VLA antenna Y27; VLA in B configuration with 27 \times 25 m stations. ^(b) Major and minor axis and position angle of the restoring beam.

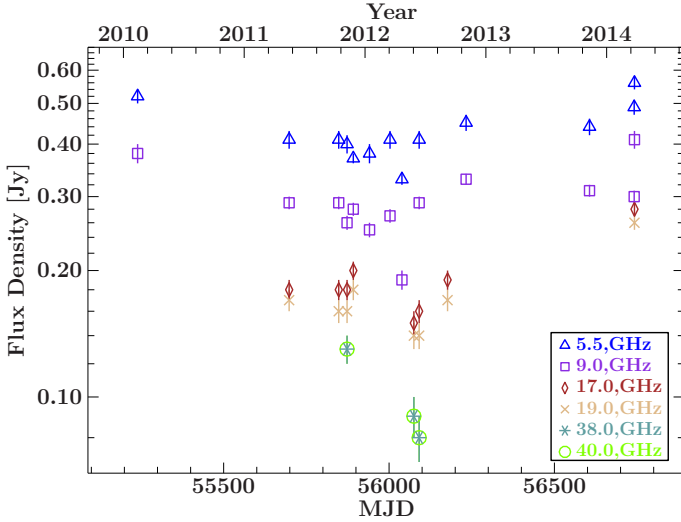


Fig. 1. ATCA radio light curve at 5.5 GHz (triangles), 9.0 GHz (rectangles), 17.0 GHz (diamonds), 19.0 GHz (crosses), 38.0 GHz (asterisks) and 40 GHz (circles) using only frequencies with more than two data points (see Table A.1).

Table 2. Results of power-law fit to various spectral ranges of the ATCA data ($S_\nu = k\nu^\alpha$)

Date	$\alpha_{5.5-40}^a$	$\alpha_{5.5-19}^b$	α_{17-40}^c
2004-04-12 ^d		-0.56 \pm 0.03	
2011-05-17		-0.72 \pm 0.05	
2011-10-14		-0.75 \pm 0.05	
2011-11-08	-0.57 \pm 0.03	-0.71 \pm 0.05	-0.36 \pm 0.09
2011-11-27		-0.56 \pm 0.04	
2012-05-28			-0.61 \pm 0.12
2012-06-13	-0.86 \pm 0.04	-0.86 \pm 0.06	-0.82 \pm 0.13
2014-03-26		-0.62 \pm 0.04	

Notes. ^(a) Parameters of fit to data between 5.5 GHz and 40 GHz. ^(b) Parameters of fit to data between 4.8 GHz and 19 GHz, i.e., for G06 data: 4.8–18 GHz, for our ATCA data: 5.5–19 GHz. ^(c) Parameters of fit to data between 17 GHz and 40 GHz. ^(d) Data taken from G06.

Gaussian taper with a strength of 0.1 at 60 M λ to the visibility data and by repeating the full hybrid imaging process. The untapered TANAMI image contains a total flux density of (294 \pm 59) mJy. The dynamic range DR of the image, i.e., the ratio between the peak flux density and five times the rms noise is DR_{8.4GHz} \approx 490.

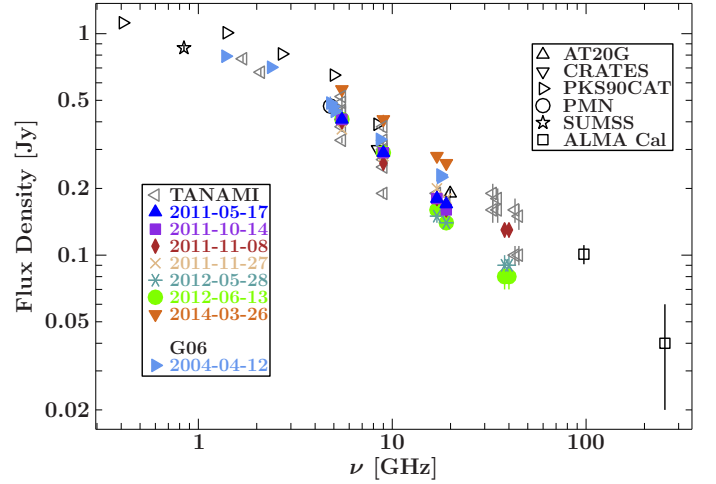


Fig. 2. Spectrum of ATCA monitoring (Fig. 1), between 1.7 GHz and 45 GHz from 2010 Feb 13 to 2014 Mar 26. Data for which spectral index fits were performed, are shown in colour. Simultaneous archival data taken from G06 (blue, right-oriented triangles). Non-simultaneous archival data from various catalogues are shown in gray: AT20G (asterisk, Murphy et al. 2010; Chhetri et al. 2013), CRATES (bottom-oriented triangles, Healey et al. 2007, PKS90CAT (right-oriented triangles, Wright & Otrupcek 1990), PMN (circles, Griffith & Wright 1994; Wright et al. 1994), SUMSS (stars, Mauch et al. 2013), and ALMA Cal (rectangles, Fomalont et al. 2014).

In order to further characterize the core, we deleted CLEAN-components contained within 1 mas from the core and fit an elliptical Gaussian component to the core, using ISIS (Houck & Denicola 2000) with a direct link to DIFMAP (Grobberger 2014). This enables us to calculate the given 1 σ -uncertainties using χ^2 -statistics. The fit parameters are given in Table 3. The compact core component yields a flux density of (229.8^{+0.4}_{-0.2stat} \pm 35_{sys}) mJy, which is almost 80% of the total flux density. We calculated the brightness temperature T_b following e.g., Kovalev et al. (2005) to be (5.7 \pm 1.4) \times 10¹⁰ K. The 1 σ error is predominantly determined by the uncertainty of the axis ratio of the component. The brightness temperature is well below the inverse-Compton limit of 10¹² K (Kellermann & Pauliny-Toth 1969) and is consistent with the equipartition limit of \sim 10¹¹ K (Readhead 1994). Additionally, we fit a circular Gaussian distribution to the ‘hot spot’ by deleting only the CLEAN components within this region and measure a brightness temperature of about 10⁷ K.

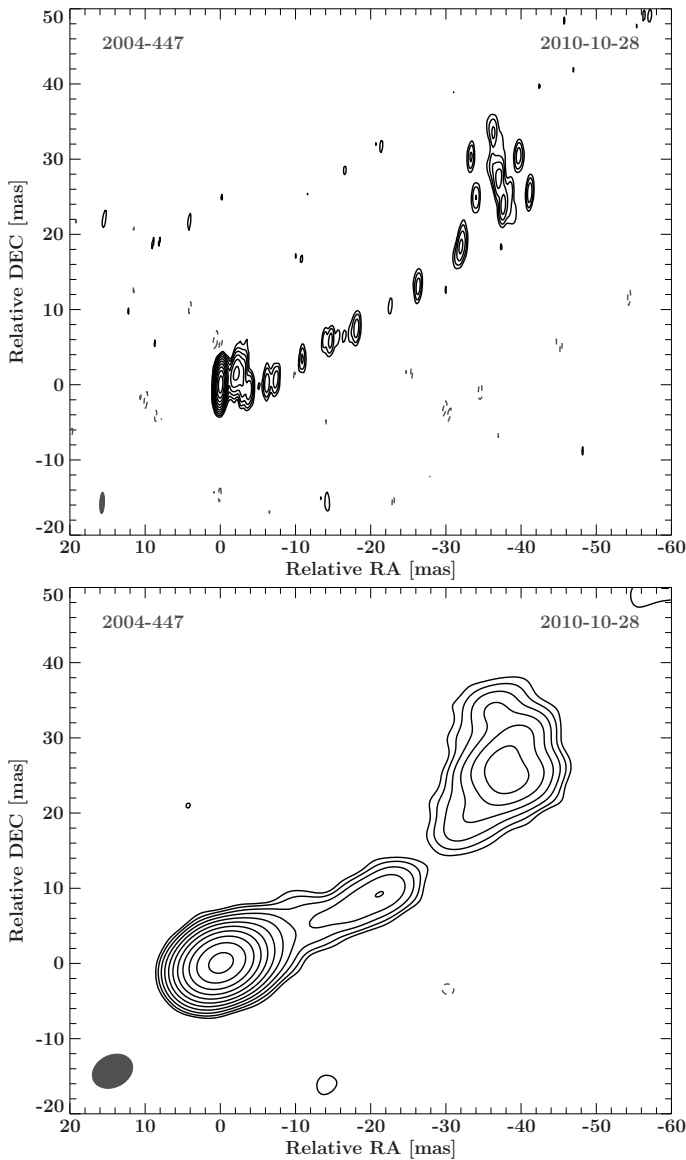


Fig. 3. Top: Full-resolution TANAMI image of 2004-447 at 8.4 GHz; bottom: Tapered TANAMI image of 2004-447 at 8.4 GHz. The contour lines of each image start at three times the rms of the image, increasing logarithmically by a factor of two. Negative flux density noise peaks are shown by dashed, grey contour lines. The gray ellipse at the bottom left of both images depicts their respective restoring beams. The image parameters are shown in Table 1.

3.3. VLBA and VLA image

Figure 4 shows PKS 2004–447 at 1.5 GHz based on the 1998 Oct 12 VLBA observation. We find a total flux density in the image of (605 ± 61) mJy and a dynamic range of $DR_{1.5\text{GHz}} \approx 100$, a comparatively low level due to the very low declination of the source for the VLBA and the resulting sparse distribution of visibilities in the (u, v) -plane. The radio morphology shows a bright central core with a jet extending to the north-west and substantial diffuse emission on the eastern side with a total extent of about 140 mas. The ‘hot spot’ at ~ 45 mas from the core shows a brightness temperature of $\sim 10^7$ K at 1.5 GHz.

Following Sect. 3.2 we fit an elliptical component to the core, accounting for CLEAN-components within 5 mas

from the core. The resulting component has a flux density which contains roughly 40% of the total flux density (see Table 3). We derive a core brightness temperature of $(3.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{10}$ K at 1.5 GHz.

The VLA image in Fig. 4 shows PKS 2004–447 to be compact at 1.5 GHz for the VLA in B configuration. We fitted an elliptical Gaussian component to the visibility data, which results in an unresolved component sufficient to describe the visibility data without significant residuals. No extended emission is detected using a detection limit of three times the noise level (0.48 mJy/beam). Hence, the beam of the VLA observation limits the projected linear size to less than 11 kpc. The total flux density in the VLBA and VLA image is consistent considering the uncertainties in amplitude calibration. The value of the total flux density in the VLBA and VLA image indicates that $\sim 80\%$ of the source flux density is located within ~ 140 mas corresponding to ~ 530 pc in east-west direction, i.e., in the direction of the minor axis of the VLA beam.

4. Discussion

4.1. Discussion of the radio spectrum

Our ATCA monitoring shows that PKS 2004–447 exhibits a persistent steep radio spectrum above 5 GHz over four years of monitoring. This is consistent with earlier snapshot radio-spectral observations in 2001 and 2004: Osh01 reported a spectral index between 2.7 GHz and 5.0 GHz of $\alpha_{2.7-5} = -0.67$ from a power-law fit to simultaneous ATCA observations. G06 conducted ATCA observations between 1.4 GHz and 17.9 GHz on 2004 Apr 12/13, deriving a spectral index of $\alpha_{1.4-18} = -0.52$.

In order to compare changes in the spectra from our ATCA TANAMI monitoring and G06, we select an overlapping spectral range, i.e., between 4.8 GHz and 19 GHz. We fit these data points as described in Sect. 3.1. The results are listed in Table 2. The data show moderate spectral variability with the spectral slope varying between ~ -0.5 and ~ -0.9 with a weighted mean of $\alpha_{\text{wm}} = -0.68 \pm 0.10$ and a median of $\alpha_{\text{median}} \approx -0.72$. The mean spectral index is consistent with Osh01.

A possible flattening above 17 GHz is observed in epoch 2011 Nov 08. This is due to the aforementioned increased flux density at 38 GHz and 40 GHz. Intriguingly, the X-ray light curve (presented in Paper I) shows a high activity state on 2011 Sept 17. Additionally, we find the X-ray spectra of PKS 2004–447 in Paper I to be well accounted for by a single non-thermal power-law, possibly from the jet. However, the relatively sparse sampling makes it difficult to draw strong conclusions regarding a possible correlation.

In previous studies PKS 2004–447 has been assigned a flatter spectral index ($\alpha > -0.5$) at low frequencies (< 5 GHz) based on non-simultaneous data (e.g., Osh01, Healey et al. 2007). We calculated the simultaneous spectral index between 1.38 GHz and 2.4 GHz from G06 to be $\alpha_{1.38-2.4} = -0.21 \pm 0.08$, which is significantly flatter than above 2.4 GHz ($\alpha = -0.56 \pm 0.03$). This suggests that a turnover in the radio spectrum occurs below 2 GHz as is observed for CSS sources (O’Dea 1998).

The weighted average spectral luminosity at 5 GHz is calculated by extrapolating the flux density of our ATCA data at 5.5 GHz. We use the fitted spectral index for the

Table 3. Parameters of the elliptical Gaussian component fit to the central feature of the TANAMI and VLBA images

ν [GHz]	S_c [mJy]	a_{maj}^a [mas]	ratio ^a [mas]	θ_{PA}^a [°]	T_b^b [10 ¹⁰ K]
8.4	$229.8^{+0.4}_{-0.2_{\text{stat}}} \pm 35_{\text{sys}}$	0.3651 ± 0.0016	$0.64^{+0.15}_{-0.14}$	88 ± 3	5.7 ± 1.4
1.5	$248.8 \pm 0.4_{\text{stat}} \pm 25_{\text{sys}}$	$2.93^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$	0.63 ± 0.04	31^{+8}_{-7}	3.4 ± 0.3

Notes. Errors are given in 1σ interval. ^(a) Major axis, ratio of major and minor axis and position angle of the component ^(b) The highest uncertainty of S_c , a_{maj} and the axis ratio was taken to calculate the error in the brightness temperature.

K-correction following e.g., Ghisellini et al. (2009). This yields $L_{5,\text{wm}} = (7.4 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{25} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$, which is consistent with the lower end of the 5 GHz luminosity distribution in the CSS/GPS-sample discussed by O’Dea (1998). The combination of archival and our new flux density measurements supports the classification of PKS 2004–447 as a CSS source as originally suggested by Osh01.

4.2. Parsec-scale structure and jet orientation

The 1.5 GHz VLBA image shows a bright central component and a jet towards the north-west and substantial diffuse emission towards the east. The central and western structure is consistent with an image based on the same data by Orienti et al. (2015), in which the diffuse eastern emission, however, is not visible because of the smaller field of view.

We measure high brightness temperatures of $> 10^{10} \text{ K}$ in the VLBI core at both frequencies. The non-simultaneous spectral emission of the core is relatively flat with a spectral index of $\alpha_{\text{VLBI},1.5-8.4} \sim -0.04$. A core-jet structure has been observed in some CSS sources but is more common in GPS sources (e.g., O’Dea 1998; Fanti et al. 2001 and references therein).

The angle of the jet to the line of sight θ can be estimated using the jet-to-counterjet ratio R , the intrinsic jet velocity β , and the spectral index α via,

$$R = \frac{S_J}{S_{\text{CJ}}} = \left(\frac{1 + \beta \cos \theta}{1 - \beta \cos \theta} \right)^{2-\alpha} \quad (2)$$

where S_J and S_{CJ} are the jet and counter-jet flux densities, respectively (e.g., Urry & Padovani 1995). Assuming that the diffuse emission on the eastern side of the core at 1.5 GHz can be attributed to the counter-jet, yields $S_{\text{CJ}} \approx 59 \text{ mJy}$. Excluding the core region results in an integrated flux density in the jet of $S_J \approx 313 \text{ mJy}$. This leads to an upper limit of $\theta_{\text{LOS},1.5} \lesssim 74^\circ$ for an optically thin jet with spectral index of ~ -1 (Hovatta et al. 2014) and $\beta \rightarrow 1$. As the counter-jet is not detected at 8.4 GHz, we use the peak flux density per beam in the first feature of the jet next to the core ($S_J \approx 9.5 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$) and five times the noise level on the side of the counter-jet as a detection limit ($S_{\text{CJ}} \approx 0.1 \text{ mJy beam}^{-1}$). This yields a lower upper limit for the jet angle to the line of sight of $\theta_{\text{LOS},8.4} \lesssim 50^\circ$. Conversely, the jet-to-counter-jet ratios provide a lower limit on the intrinsic jet velocity, with $\beta_{1.5} > 0.27$ and $\beta_{8.4} > 0.67$ at 1.5 GHz and 8.4 GHz, respectively. Differences in the results between both frequencies can be perhaps attributed at least in part to different scales of the emission region used for the estimate of S_J and S_{CJ} . This provides an independent proof of relativistic bulk motion in PKS 2004–447.

The coherent emission at $\sim 45 \text{ mas}$ may indicate a moderately pronounced ‘hotspot’ with a brightness temperature of 10^7 K at 1.5 GHz. Such brightness temperatures have also been measured in ‘hot spots’ of CSS/GPS sources (Dallacasa et al. 2002a,b). Diffuse emission north of the ‘hotspot’ can be seen in both images. The offset in position angle may indicate a backflow of jet plasma after an interaction with the surrounding medium. The Eastern diffuse emission is not detected in our TANAMI image at 8.4 GHz. Given the non-detection on a $5\sigma_{\text{RMS}}$ level this indicates a spectral index steeper than -1.9 . The full extent of the radio emission from PKS 2004–447 at 1.5 GHz picked up by the VLBA is $\sim 140 \text{ mas}$, which corresponds to a projected linear size of roughly 530 pc.

The linear size of PKS 2004–447 can also be assessed indirectly from the radio spectrum. O’Dea & Baum (1997) studied the relationship between rest turnover frequency ν_m and l_{ps} of a sample of CSS and GPS sources, finding an anti-correlation $\nu_m \propto l_{\text{ps}}^{-0.65}$. Since the turnover in the radio spectrum is only partially visible below 2 GHz, we adopt the lowest frequency measurement of the PKS90CAT data as an estimate for the turnover frequency with $\nu_{\text{m,obs}} = 408 \text{ MHz}$ and $\nu_m \sim 500 \text{ MHz}$ in the observer and source rest frame, respectively. This yields an estimate of the linear size from the spectrum of $l_{\text{ps}} \sim 2 \text{ kpc}$ which is likely overestimating the true size, but still consistent with a CSS source.

Another estimate of l_{ps} can be obtained from the ATCA Calibrator Database data at 4 cm. Here, PKS 2004–447 shows a flat visibility data distribution (out to $d_{\text{max}} \approx 150 \text{ k}\lambda$) in the (u, v) -plane and no significant defect, which suggests that PKS 2004–447 remains unresolved. Using $\sin \phi \approx 1.22\lambda/d_{\text{max}}$, this yields an angular size of $\phi \lesssim 1''.7$ to a linear projected size of only $l_{\text{ps}} \lesssim 6.4 \text{ kpc}$, corresponding to $\nu_m \gtrsim 240 \text{ MHz}$ and $\nu_{\text{m,obs}} \gtrsim 200 \text{ MHz}$ for the turnover frequency in the source and observer frame, respectively.

The various estimates of the linear size and the turnover frequencies of PKS 2004–447 are all consistent with CSS sources. Nevertheless, we adopt the directly measured limit of $l_{\text{ps}} \lesssim 11 \text{ kpc}$ from the VLA image as a conservative upper limit on the linear size. Recently, Richards & Lister (2015) detected extended emission in three RL-NLS1s using observations with the VLA at a frequency of 9.0 GHz. The study achieved sub-arcsec resolution and high-sensitivity between 0.021 mJy/beam and 0.05 mJy/beam. The authors suggested that extended emission will be detected in more sources if higher sensitivity observations would be conducted. The size of the extended emission in these sources is larger than the beam of our VLA observation at 1.5 GHz, indicating that extended emission may not have been detected due to the sensitivity. In order to further analyse this, we extrapolated

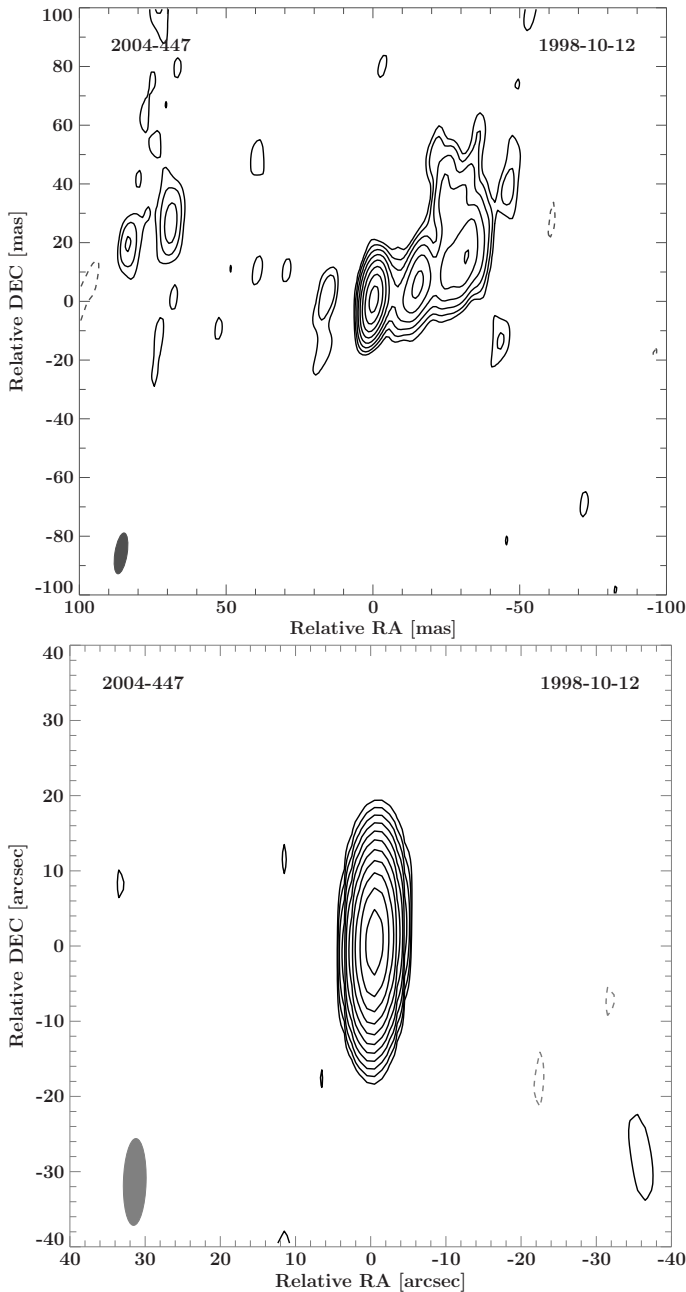


Fig. 4. VLBA (top) and VLA (bottom) image of 2004–447 at 1.5 GHz with the image parameters given in Tab. 1. Contour lines begin at 3 times the image rms and increase logarithmically by a factor of 2. Grey dashed contour lines indicate negative flux density. The gray ellipse in the bottom left corner depicts the restoring beam.

the detection limit of our VLA observation at 1.5 GHz, i.e. three times the noise level (0.48 mJy/beam) to 9.0 GHz using a spectral index of -0.7 for synchrotron emission. This yields a flux density of ~ 0.14 mJy/beam corresponding to 14 times the lowest sensitivity in Richards & Lister (2015). However, our ATCA data at 9.0 GHz does not indicate extended emission. At this frequency the resolution of ATCA is about $1''.7$ and the sensitivity of this observation is approximately ~ 0.07 mJy/beam comparable to Richards & Lister (2015). Hence, we cannot completely rule out the existence of very faint extended emission on scales larger than 11 kpc (VLA limit) or 6.4 kpc (ATCA limit), but it

would most likely require observations at even higher sensitivity than in Richards & Lister (2015). Hence, we consider $l_{\text{ps}} \lesssim 11$ kpc as a reasonable upper limit. Applying the ν_m - l_{ps} -relationship yields $\nu_{m,\text{obs}} \gtrsim 140$ MHz, which is currently not accessible by our radio data.

In a recent study Kunert-Bajraszewska et al. (2010) compared the 1.4 GHz luminosity with the linear size and redshift of a sample of CSS, GPS and low-luminous compact (LLC) objects. Using the flux density measured by G06 at 1.38 GHz and $\alpha_{1.38-2.4}$ from Sect. 4.1 yields a luminosity of $L_{1.38} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{26} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$. This puts PKS 2004–447 at the lower end of the luminosity distribution in the combined CSS sample of Kunert-Bajraszewska et al. (2010). The linear size of PKS 2004–447 agrees well with the CSS sample considering even the lowest possible estimate of the linear size from the VLBA image. In addition, PKS 2004–447 fits also with the distribution of LLC sources, where it is at the upper end of the luminosity distribution. This is to be expected as one of the selection criteria of the LLC sample is $L_{1.4} \leq 10^{26} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$. The distribution of $L_{1.4}$ with redshift gives a similar result.

Our study confirms the CSS-like nature of PKS 2004–447 suggested by G06. As such, PKS 2004–447 belongs to an even more elusive class of γ -ray detected AGN than γ -NLS1 according to the 3LAC (Ackermann et al. 2015): Only one other CSS source has been associated with a γ -ray counterpart in the 3LAC.

While CSS/GPS sources have been discussed in the context of young radio sources or frustrated AGNs (e.g., O’Dea 1998; Stanghellini 2003; Kunert-Bajraszewska et al. 2010 and references therein), more recent publications favour the paradigm of young AGNs with respect to the older blazar population (e.g., Fanti et al. 2011; Randall et al. 2011). Both paradigms are also discussed for γ -NLS1 (e.g., Abdo et al. 2009c; Foschini et al. 2015; Berton et al. 2015) and it has been proposed that CSS and RL-NLS1 are linked (e.g., Komossa et al. 2006; Doi et al. 2012; Caccianiga et al. 2014; Komossa et al. 2015; Gu et al. 2015). Recently, Caccianiga et al. (2015) found evidence of significant star formation activity in a sample of RL-NLS1s, favouring the scenario that RL-NLS1s are young AGNs. A similar case is the recently reported γ -ray loud AGN PMN J1603–4904, which also shows a moderately steep radio spectrum (Müller et al. 2014). It is compact on arcsec-scales and highly symmetric on mas-scales, reminiscent of a compact symmetric object which are also considered to be young radio sources (e.g., Wilkinson et al. 1994; An et al. 2012).

4.3. Comparison with other γ -NLS1

Among the small sample of γ -NLS1s (see Foschini et al. 2015; D’Ammando et al. 2015; Yao et al. 2015) the sources besides PKS 2004–447, which were studied best so far in the radio regime and which yielded a significant⁵ γ -ray detection by *Fermi*/LAT are listed in Table 4. PKS 2004–447 is the only γ -NLS1 detected that is located in the southern hemisphere and it is the radio loudest of them. In this section, we compare our results for PKS 2004–447 with these other γ -NLS1s. A comparison of the X-ray properties is presented in Paper I.

⁵ TS ≥ 25 , see Foschini et al. (2015); D’Ammando et al. (2015); Yao et al. (2015)

4.3.1. Flux density variability and spectrum

In Sect. 3 we showed that PKS 2004–447 exhibits radio flux density variability up to a factor of 2 on time scales of months to years at centimeter wavelengths, comparable to values reported for other γ -NLS1s (e.g., Zhou et al. 2007; D’Ammando et al. 2013a,b; Angelakis et al. 2015). The recent studies by Foschini et al. (2015) and Angelakis et al. (2015) presented the densest, simultaneous multi-frequency radio monitoring of four γ -NLS1s. The strength of the flaring activity differs for each source and is strongly frequency dependent with a frequency delay of the flares as previously known for blazars. To compare the variability index V_ν calculated for PKS 2004–447 at 5.5 GHz and 9.0 GHz in Sect. 3.1, we calculate V_ν for the γ -NLS1s discussed by Angelakis et al. (2015) and list the results for ~ 5 GHz and ~ 8.4 GHz in Table 4. PMN J0948+0022 has the highest variability index of the five sources, which is also the case at other frequencies except for 23 GHz and 32 GHz which is dominated by 1H 0323+342 despite the lower sampling of 1H 0323+342. SBS 0846+513 has the lowest cadence of the four sources in Angelakis et al. (2015), though similar to PKS 2004–447. A comparison with the distribution of V_ν at the two frequencies of the sample in Hovatta et al. (2008), which consisted mostly of blazars, showed that the γ -NLS1s are located at the lowest end of the distribution except for PMN J0948+0022, which is consistent with the median values for quasars and BL Lacs.

The study by Angelakis et al. (2015) revealed strong differences in the simultaneous radio spectra which resemble types of radio spectra found in blazars by the F-GAMMA program (see Angelakis et al. 2012), supporting Yuan et al. (2008) regarding the link between RL-NLS1 and blazars using simultaneous data. However, a CSS-like spectrum of PKS 2004–447, with a possible turnover in the MHz-range, does not fit into the classification by Angelakis et al. (2012) and is unique among all γ -NLS1s. Berton et al. (2015) compared the population of flat-spectrum NLS1s from Foschini et al. (2015), which includes all γ -NLS1s with a sample of steep-spectrum NLS1s. Based on the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, their findings suggest that both samples may stem from the same population. Foschini et al. (2015) interpret this in such a way that steep-spectrum NLS1s have a larger angle to the line of sight than flat-spectrum NLS1s. These characteristics fit to PKS 2004–447 with the difference that no steep-spectrum NLS1 has been detected in the γ -ray regime so far. The single exception may be RX J2314.9+2243, for which the γ -ray detection is only tentative (Komossa et al. 2015 and references therein).

The variety in the radio spectra of γ -NLS1s is not matched in the X-rays (see Paper I and Foschini et al. 2015), but differences seem to exist in the flaring activity of these sources. For this purpose, we calculated the variability index based on X-ray data V_X from D’Ammando et al. (2013a,b) and Foschini et al. (2015) for the northern sources and Paper I for PKS 2004–447. The amount of available data strongly varies between the four sources. PKS 1502+036 has the lowest amount of data, which covers the shortest time range. All of its flux measurements were consistent with each other within the uncertainties. For 1H 0323+342, PMN J0948+0022, and PKS 2004–447 the sampling is sufficient for comparison with V_ν . Again, PMN J0948+0022 yields the highest value, but SBS 0846+513 and PKS 2004–447 show $V_X > V_\nu$, sug-

gesting stronger variability at X-ray energies. The photon index of the X-ray spectra of the γ -NLS1s lies between 1.5 and 2.0 (Paper I), which fits into the range covered by BL Lac objects (Foschini et al. 2015). However, the comparison of the γ -ray and X-ray luminosity by Foschini et al. (2015) indicated a distribution similar to flat spectrum radio quasars.

4.3.2. Radio-morphology and brightness temperature

Our deep VLBI observation of PKS 2004–447 confirms that on parsec-scales, all considered γ -NLS1s possess a one-sided jet extending from a dominant central core (e.g., Doi et al. 2006; D’Ammando et al. 2013a,b; Wajima et al. 2014). This morphology is reminiscent of blazars (e.g., Lister et al. 2013 and references therein). In contrast to this, the kiloparsec scale projected linear size is usually smaller compared to radio-loud AGNs (e.g., Yuan et al. 2008; Doi et al. 2012 and references therein) and the extent of the large scale structure has been measured directly for only four sources (see Table 4).

The one-sidedness of the radio jet is a strong indication of relativistic beaming, which often gives rise to apparent superluminal motion of distinct jet features (see e.g., Lister et al. 2013). SBS 0846+513 is the only source in this group, for which apparent superluminal motion of $\beta_{\text{app}} = (9.3 \pm 0.6)c$ (D’Ammando et al. 2013b) has been reported so far. However, Lister et al. (2013) reported a maximum apparent speed of $0.82c$ for [HB89] 1219+044.

Another indicator of relativistic beaming is the brightness temperature determined from the VLBI core T_B . We computed the mean T_B -value at 15 GHz and ~ 8 GHz for the northern γ -NLS1s based on available data from Doi et al. (2012), Lister et al. (2013), and Foschini et al. (2015). In case of [HB89] 1219+044, the T_B -value is directly taken from Pushkarev & Kovalev (2012). We find T_B to be well in excess of the equipartition limit and in three cases above the inverse-Compton limit. Such values are consistent with blazars (e.g., Kovalev et al. 2005). PKS 2004–447 shows the lowest T_B -value in the sample, about two orders of magnitude below the highest observed value by [HB89] 1219+044. This suggests intrinsic differences in Doppler boosting of the jet emission, which is consistent with studies of the variability brightness temperature $T_{B,\text{var}}$ from radio light curves (e.g., Angelakis et al. 2015).

5. Summary and Conclusion

We have presented the highest resolution VLBI image so far obtained for the γ -NLS1 galaxy PKS 2004–447. PKS 2004–447 is the only southern source in an elusive sample and the radio-loudest one. The image reveals a single-sided jet extending to the north-west from a dominant core with a brightness temperature of $(5.7 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{10}$ K. The first long-term multi-frequency flux density measurements with ATCA between 5.5 GHz and 40 GHz demonstrates a persistent steep radio spectrum with a spectral index between -0.5 and -0.9 and moderate flux density variability.

We compared our results within the small sample of γ -NLS1s. We find that the brightness temperature of the VLBI cores are either close to or in excess of the equipartition limit ranging over two orders of magnitude. In com-

Table 4. Radio properties of γ -NLS1

Source	z^a	$T_{b,15}^b$ [10^{11} K]	$T_{b,8}^c$ [10^{11} K]	l_{ps}^d [kpc]	radio spectrum ^e	variability ^f	$V_{4.85/5.5}^g$	$V_{8.35/9.0}^g$	V_X^h	$RL_{1.4}^i$
1H 0323+342	0.061	7.3 ± 2.7 (6.2)	-	24	steep, flat	F/S	0.30	0.32	0.37	318
SBS 0846+513	0.584	36 ± 27 (7.5)	-	<2.2	flat, inverted	F/S	0.13	0.14	0.42	4496
PMN J0948+0022	0.585	64 ± 15 (44)	4.0 ± 1.3 (1.7)	104	flat, inverted	F/S	0.55	0.65	0.50	846
[HB89] 1219+044	0.966	119 ± 95 (96)	43	~ 80	flat	F/-	-	-	-	1700
PKS 1502+036	0.409	3.9 ± 1.1 (3.0)	-	<25	GHz-peaked, flat	F/S	0.27	0.30	-0.4	3364
FBQS J1644+2619	0.145	-	6.3	60	-	-	-	-	-	396
PKS 2004–447	0.24	-	0.4 ± 0.1	<11	CSS-like, steep	F/S	0.23	0.32	0.45	6358

Notes. Hyphens indicate that no data were available.

^(a) Redshift from NED;

^(b) Mean brightness temperature T_b at 15 GHz based on (1) except for [HB89] 1219+044(2), brackets refer to the median;

^(c) T_b at ~ 8 GHz, mean T_b based on (1) and the median in brackets for PMN J0948+0022; 1H 0323+342 from (3), FBQS J1644+2619 from (4), [HB89] 1219+044 from (5);

^(d) Projected linear size from VLA observations; for SBS 0846+513 and PKS 1502+036 the major beam axis of the highest resolution VLA observation from (6) and (7), respectively, was used as a conservative upper limit; Reference (4) for 1H 0323+342, PMN J0948+0022, FBQS J1644+2619; Reference (8) for [HB89] 1219+044

^(e) References for 1H 0323+342 (3, 9), SBS 0846+513 (6, 9, 10), PMN J0948+0022 (11, 9), PKS 1502+036 (7, 9), FBQS J1644+2619 (4);

^(f) F: flux variability; S: spectral variability from simultaneous data;

^(g) Variability index for 1H 0323+342, SBS 0846+513, PMN J0948+0022 and PKS 1502+036 at 4.85 and 8.35 GHz, respectively, from (9); PKS 2004–447 at 5.5 and 9.0 GHz;

^(h) Variability index at X-ray energies from 0.3–10 keV for 1H 0323+342 (1), SBS 0846+513 (10), PMN J0948+0022 (1), and PKS 1502+036 (7); 0.5–10 keV for PKS 2004–447 (12); For PKS 1502+036 all flux measurements were consistent within the given uncertainties, yielding a negative value;

⁽ⁱ⁾ Reference (13) for all except [HB89] 1219+044 (14);

References: (1) Foschini et al. (2015), (2) Lister et al. (2013), (3) Wajima et al. (2014), (4) Doi et al. (2012), (5) Pushkarev & Kovalev (2012), (6) D’Ammando et al. (2012), (7) D’Ammando et al. (2013a), (8) Kharb et al. (2010), (9) Angelakis et al. (2015), (10) D’Ammando et al. (2013b), (11) D’Ammando et al. (2014), (12) Paper I, (13) Foschini (2011), (14) Yao et al. (2015)

bination with the single-sided jet morphology on parsec-scales this demonstrates the importance of relativistic beaming of the radio emission in all of these sources. In addition, the variability index at ~ 5 GHz and ~ 8 GHz shows significant differences in variability. The shape of the radio spectrum differs strongly among γ -NLS1s with the persistent CSS-like spectrum of PKS 2004–447 being a unique exemplar. It is also extremely rare among γ -ray loud AGN listed in the 3LAC.

In paper I, we showed that the X-ray spectra of γ -NLS1s do not show as much diversity as the radio spectra. In this paper, we calculated the variability index at X-ray energies finding that PMN J0948+0022 has the highest variability among sources with sufficient data.

The TANAMI program continues the VLBI observations and flux density measurements of PKS 2004–447 to study temporal changes in the jet and radio spectrum to constrain or measure the jet speed. An accurate measurement of the turnover frequency would come from observations below 400 MHz, making PKS 2004–447 an intriguing candidate for studies with high sensitivity, low-frequency precursors of the Square Kilometre Array (e.g., Wayth et al. 2015).

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Appendix A: Data from ATCA Observations

Table A.1. Details from ATCA Observations

ν [GHz]	Date [YYYY-MM-DD]	S_ν [Jy]
5.5	2010-02-13	0.52 ± 0.02
9.0	2010-02-13	0.38 ± 0.02
43.0	2010-05-09	0.16 ± 0.02
45.0	2010-05-09	0.15 ± 0.02
1.7	2010-07-03	0.77 ± 0.03
35.0	2010-07-26	0.18 ± 0.02
33.0	2010-07-26	0.19 ± 0.02
43.0	2010-09-14	0.10 ± 0.01
45.0	2010-09-14	0.10 ± 0.01
2.1	2010-12-17	0.67 ± 0.03
33.0	2011-04-12	0.16 ± 0.02
35.0	2011-04-12	0.16 ± 0.02
5.5	2011-05-17	0.41 ± 0.02
9.0	2011-05-17	0.29 ± 0.01
17.0	2011-05-17	0.18 ± 0.01
19.0	2011-05-17	0.17 ± 0.01
5.5	2011-10-14	0.41 ± 0.02
9.0	2011-10-14	0.29 ± 0.01
17.0	2011-10-14	0.18 ± 0.01
19.0	2011-10-14	0.16 ± 0.01
5.5	2011-11-08	0.40 ± 0.02
9.0	2011-11-08	0.26 ± 0.01
17.0	2011-11-08	0.18 ± 0.01
19.0	2011-11-08	0.16 ± 0.01
38.0	2011-11-08	0.13 ± 0.01
40.0	2011-11-08	0.13 ± 0.01
5.5	2011-11-27	0.37 ± 0.01
9.0	2011-11-27	0.28 ± 0.01
17.0	2011-11-27	0.20 ± 0.01
19.0	2011-11-27	0.18 ± 0.01
5.5	2012-01-15	0.38 ± 0.02
9.0	2012-01-15	0.25 ± 0.01
5.5	2012-03-17	0.41 ± 0.02
9.0	2012-03-17	0.27 ± 0.01
5.5	2012-04-22	0.33 ± 0.01
9.0	2012-04-22	0.19 ± 0.01
17.0	2012-05-28	0.15 ± 0.01
19.0	2012-05-28	0.14 ± 0.01
38.0	2012-05-28	0.09 ± 0.01
40.0	2012-05-28	0.09 ± 0.01
5.5	2012-06-13	0.41 ± 0.02
9.0	2012-06-13	0.29 ± 0.01
17.0	2012-06-13	0.16 ± 0.01
19.0	2012-06-13	0.14 ± 0.01
38.0	2012-06-13	0.08 ± 0.01
40.0	2012-06-13	0.08 ± 0.01
17.0	2012-09-07	0.19 ± 0.01
19.0	2012-09-07	0.17 ± 0.01
5.5	2012-11-02	0.45 ± 0.02
9.0	2012-11-02	0.33 ± 0.01
5.5	2013-11-10	0.44 ± 0.02
9.0	2013-11-10	0.31 ± 0.01
5.5	2014-03-25	0.49 ± 0.02
9.0	2014-03-25	0.30 ± 0.01
5.5	2014-03-26	0.56 ± 0.02
9.0	2014-03-26	0.41 ± 0.02
17.0	2014-03-26	0.28 ± 0.01
19.0	2014-03-26	0.26 ± 0.01